

REMARKS

Claims 28, 29 and 36 are pending. Claims 28, 29 and 36 are rejected.

Claim 28 has been amended. No new matter was added.

First Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 28, 29 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,527,938 to Bales et al. ("Bales") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,543,158 to Gref et al. ("Gref").

Independent claim 28 has been amended and requires a first block copolymer and a material comprising a biobeneficial polymer conjugated with the first block copolymer. Neither Bales nor Gref discloses or suggests this combination.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 28, 29, and 36.

CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any suggestions or amendments to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance, applicant would prefer a telephone call to the undersigned attorney for approval of an Examiner's amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 393-9885.

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